

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

February 9, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on February 9, 2010.

Present: Commissioners Bjorn, McEvers and Muljo

Guest: Don Kauppi

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

The minutes of the January 14, 2010 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Vouchers #28211, #28212 and Master Vendor Voucher #2-2010 in the total amount of \$204,746.51 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner McEvers moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Mr. Kauppi informed the Board that the Copper Harbor Antique Snowmobile Run for Fun would take place on Saturday, February 20th. They would like to use two blocks of Bernard Street for a single lane radar run. The Board would require the Road Commission be named as an additional insured and would provide barricades for the three intersections to be closed. The Engineer will meet with Mr. Kauppi next week in Copper Harbor and inform the Sheriff's Department of the arrangement.

The Engineer presented the Board with a request from the CopperDog 150 organization for permission to use those portions of the snowmobile and atv trail that run through KCRC property near the Cliff Mine Site and Central. The permit would be effective annually for a period of March 1st to 25th. Commissioner McEvers motioned to approve the use of the established trail system that runs through KCRC property for the CopperDog 150 and to authorize the Engineer to complete the Trail Permission Form and forward it to the CopperDog 150 organizers. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that Congressman Stupak's project request applies to projects already on the Local Task Force Surface Transportation Improvement Plan and must have a 20% local match. A review of the projects led Commissioner McEvers to motion submitting and advancing the Mohawk – Gay Road Pavement Preservation Overlay project from FY 2013. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the 2010 Vehicle and Equipment Reports to the Board. The reports were reviewed and discussed, with emphasis being placed on the need to replace two tandem dump trucks, Nos. 292 and 293, which have been operating as sanders for 9 years, almost twice the normal life of 4 to 5 years. Signs of age and corrosion are appearing everywhere, as well as increased maintenance costs. After this year, all of the current sanders will be beyond the recommended useful life for the corrosive environment, including No. 294 at 7 years and 291 at 4 years. The Board will review information received at the UPRBA winter meeting and directed the Engineer and Finance Director to develop purchasing options.

The Engineer informed the Board that correspondence was received from El-Com Services, Inc., our two way radio service provider. The letter stated that our current system would be obsolete on January 1, 2013. Due to narrowbanding requirements by the FCC, our 35+ year old equipment can not be modified and KCRC must begin planning for the replacement system. A new two way system similar to our existing system with units mounted in each vehicle is an option. Another option is converting to the 800 Mhz system currently used by MDOT and statewide emergency services. The Engineer will continue to review and evaluate the options and inform the Board as updates are available.

The Engineer informed the Board that the CRAM Annual meeting will be held in Lansing, March 9 – 11. Commissioner McEvers motioned to designate the Engineer as the authorized voter for KCRC on any issues that may arise at the meeting. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried. Plans were made to attend.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Eric Bjorn, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer